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SUBJECT: PROPOSED METAL WORKERS UNION EXCHANGE

REF: A) OSLO 4102; B) OSLO A-149

1. IN KEEPING WITH THE EMBASSY'S INITIAL REQUEST IN REF B THAT "THE DEPARTMENT APPROACH T;E AFL-CIO, AND THROUGH IT,' SEEK TO IDENTIFY AN APPROPRIATE UNION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROPOSED EXCHANGE VISITS, THE DEPARTMENT DISCUSSED THE PROPOSAL WITH THE AFL-CIO INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT. THE LATTER WAS RECEPTIVE AND INDICATED THAT IT WOULD REQUEST THE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MACHINISTS UNION (IAM) TO PURSUE THE MATTER FURTHER UPON ;IS RETURN FROM AN OVERSEAS TRIP. THE DEPARTMENT HAS NOW AGAIN DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH THE AFL-CIO BUT HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE IAM REPRESENTATIVE IS AGAIN OUT OF THE COUNTRY. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES THE AFL-CIO IS VERY DOUBTFUL THAT ANYTHING CAN BE UNDERTAKEN IN TIME TO MEET FISKESETH'S NEEDS PRIOR TO THE OCTOBER CONGRESS OF THE IRON AND METAL WORKERS UNION. THE AFL-CIO HOPES, HOWEVER, TO PURSUE THIS MATTER AS SOON AS IT CAN.

2. IF IT WOULD SERVE THE PURPOSES DESCRIBED IN REFS A AND B
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THE EMBASSY MAY WISH TO CONSIDER SUGGESTING TO FISKESETH

THAT A MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP OF THE NORWEGIAN METAL
WORKERS UNION DIRECTLY TO IAM PRESIDENT FLOYD E. SMITH

INVITING HIM TO SEND A DELEGATION TO VISIT NORWAY, PERHAPS
TO ATTEND THE OCTOBER CONGRESS, MIGHT PRODUCE QUICKER
RESULTS. IAM'S ADDRESS IS, MACHINIST'S BLDG,
1300 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20036. KISSINGER

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